

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 17-18 and 32-33. Please add new claims 36-39.

1.-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a trailer panel for attachment to a vehicle trailer comprising the steps of:

(a) placing a layer of colored material in a mold by placing a sheet of colored material into the mold to form an outer layer presenting an outer surface of the trailer panel;

(b) placing an inner layer into the mold to form an inner surface of the trailer panel;

[(b)] (c) [placing] injecting a layer of polymeric material in the mold to form a central layer;

[(c)] (d) integrally molding the layer of colored material, the inner layer, and the layer of polymeric material as one piece to form a generally flat trailer panel; and

[(d)] (e) mounting the trailer panel to a trailer superstructure frame.

17.-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 wherein the outer layer comprises a paintless polymer film.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 wherein the outer layer comprises a prepainted aluminum.
21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 wherein the polymeric material includes reinforcing fibers.
22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 wherein the inner layer comprises a metallic material.
23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 wherein the inner layer comprises a polymeric material.
24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 including the step of injecting a layer of insulation into the mold.
25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 including the step of injecting a structural support layer into the mold for forming at least one rib.
26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 wherein step [(d)] (e) includes forming a male member in one of the trailer superstructure frame or the trailer panel, forming a female member in the other of the trailer superstructure frame or the trailer panel, and inserting the female member into the male member.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26 including the steps of forming the female member as a tongue along at least one edge of the panel and forming the male member as a groove on the trailer superstructure frame.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 wherein step [(d)] (e) includes forming receiving holes in support beams of the trailer superstructure frame, mounting threaded fasteners to the trailer panel, and threading the fasteners into the receiving holes.

29. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 including the step of forming at least one wiring conduit in the trailer panel during step [(c)] (d).

30. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [18] 16 including the step of forming at least one electrical outlet in the trailer panel during step [(c)] (d).

31. (Currently Amended) A method of making panels to form a vehicle trailer comprising the steps of:

(a) placing a layer of colored material in a mold by placing a sheet of colored material into the mold to form an outer layer presenting an outer surface of the trailer panel;

(b) placing an inner layer into the mold to form an inner surface of the trailer panel;

[(b)] (c) [placing] injecting a layer of polymeric material in the mold to form a central layer;

[(c)] (d) integrally molding the layer of colored material, the inner layer, and the layer of polymeric material as one piece to form a generally flat trailer panel;

[(d)] (e) repeating steps (a) – [(c)] (d) to form multiple trailer panels; and

[(e)] (f) mounting a plurality of trailer panels to a trailer superstructure frame to form a vehicle trailer.

32.-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim [33] 31 wherein step [(e)] (f) includes providing the superstructure frame with multiple support beams spaced apart from one another to form a plurality of trailer panel installation positions and further includes the step of installing one trailer panel in each installation position.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 34 including forming a first mount at on the support beams at each installation position, forming a second mount on each trailer panel, and engaging the first and second mounts to secure each trailer panel to the superstructure frame.

36. (New) The method according to claim 16 wherein step (d) further includes the step of integrally forming an attachment structure in the trailer panel and wherein step (e) further includes the step of mounting the attachment structure to the trailer superstructure frame.

37. (New) The method according to claim 36 including the step of forming the attachment structure to include a first attachment member formed on one edge of the trailer panel and a second attachment member formed on an opposite edge of the trailer panel.

38. (New) The method according to claim 31 wherein step (d) further includes the step of integrally forming an attachment structure in the trailer panel and wherein step (e) further includes the step of mounting the attachment structure to the trailer superstructure frame.

39. (New) The method according to claim 38 including the step of forming the attachment structure to include a first attachment member formed on one edge of the trailer panel and a second attachment member formed on an opposite edge of the trailer panel.